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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 1999, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response. Also enclosed is a Petition and Fee for a three-month extension of time for response, up to and including December 16, 1999.